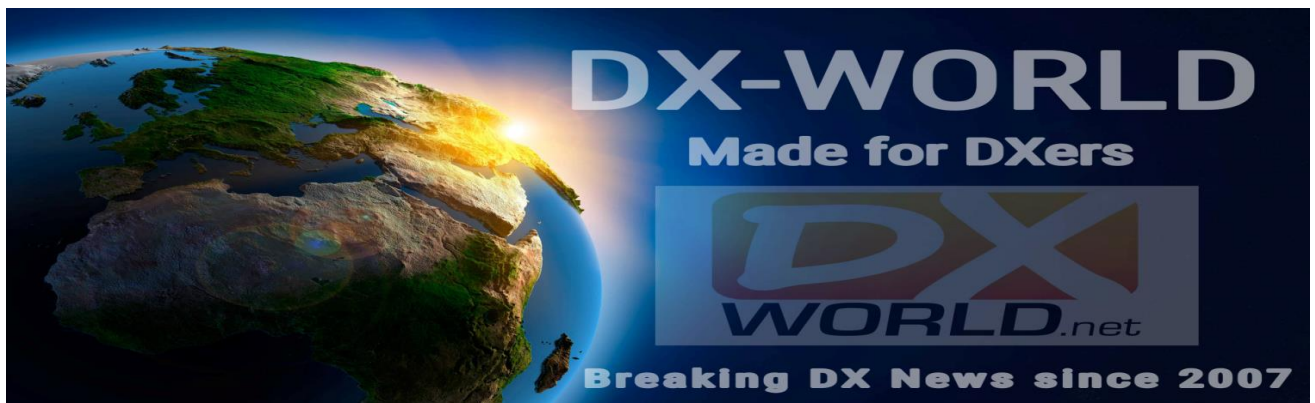




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DX News

9Y9DX Trinidad and Tobago -update December 17

Earl has now arrived in Trinidad and Tobago whereby he picked up his 9Y9DX amateur radio license this morning (local). Earl thanks all the staff of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) for their excellent customer service and hospitality. Picture courtesy of WA3DX (9Y9DX).



CY0S Sable Island DXpedition 2026 -update December 17

Today we inspected all the expedition equipment and managed to reduce its weight. This was achieved by removing excess items such as coaxial cable, tools, sections of the antenna mast, etc. Our total weight is now 1240 kg. The weight limit for two flights on the Britten-Norman Islander is 1280 kg. The CY0S team is very relieved to have reached our weight limit target!

<https://www.dx-world.net/cy0s-sable-island-dxpedition-2026/>

AU7RS Lakshadweep -update December 17

We're just a few weeks away from our highly anticipated AU7RS – Agatti, Lakshadweep Islands DX-pedition, scheduled to take place from 10th to 22nd January 2026!

We're thrilled to announce that we've received support from the European Dx Foundation, which is a huge boost to our efforts! We would also like to extend our gratitude to Jinofer Kavasji "Jino" Bhujwala, VU2JJJ, for his invaluable support to this expedition. Your contribution has not gone unnoticed, and we're honored to have you on board!

<https://www.dx-world.net/au7rs-lakshadweep-islands/>



PJ6Y Saba Island -update by Gregg W6IZT

On behalf of the PJ6Y DXpedition team, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for DX-World's support.

I am pleased to report that the trip was a resounding success. Our multinational on-island team of nine young operators experienced excellent propagation conditions and amazing pileups throughout the course of our time on Saba. Each team member was actively involved in multiple phases of the effort, including planning, equipment setup and tear-down, scheduling, station configuration, as well as diagnosing and resolving a variety of technical challenges ranging from radio malfunctions to antenna issues, one such issue requiring an overhaul of our tri-band Yagi, including rebuilding each of the six traps.

<https://www.dx-world.net/pj6y-saba-island-dxpedition/>

3G9S Navarino Island SA-050 -update

After dedicating ourselves to our jobs to get some time for our expedition, we've summarized preparations for the small activity at 3G9S. We already have our plane tickets from Santiago to Punta Arenas and the ferry transfer to Navarino Island.

We already have the DXWorld-e 500W amplifier, and our Flex 8400 has also arrived, which we hope to configure so it can be used by radio amateurs around the world remotely. We still need to learn the configuration through Starlink, a new challenge.

<https://www.dx-world.net/3g9s-navarino-island-sa-050/>



DXCC

This week on air

European Tour by Pete, ZL4TE

ZA, ALBANIA december 28-30 as ZA/call

OE, DL, HA, G not yet known is he is getting on air

4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT will be operating in 'holiday-style' as 4K/call from December 26 until January 3. Operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, OQRS.

6Y, JAMAICA Lester, W8YCM is once again active as 6Y8LV from the Coral Seas Resort until mid-January 2026. From time to time he will sign as W8YCM/6Y on HF. QSL via home call.

9Y, TRINIDAD and TOBAGO Look for 9Y9DX (first time ever for a 9Y9 prefix) until December 29. Between December 18-22 he will operate from Tobago SA-009. Earl WA3DX will primarily be active from 40 to 10 metres using FT4/8. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is again active as C5YK. Previously, his activity has lasted a few months; generally into February or March. QRV mainly on the high bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau).

FY, FRENCH GUYANA Pierre, F4GPK will once again be active as TO2FY from December 22 until January 15, 2026. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF using SSB only. QSL via LoTW or home call.

HL, SOUTH KOREA Kevin, AI5SM is active as HL1/call until January 1, 2026. QRV mostly portable with POTA using CW, SSB and FT8.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call from Copan until March 2026. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

PZ, SURINAME Joe, OZ0J will be operating during December 21 and January 2, 2026 as PZ5OZ. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB, FT8 and perhaps some RTTY from the PZ5RA rental

shack. QSL via OQRS, LoTW and buro. <https://pz5oz.oz0j.dk/>

TG, GUATEMALA Todd, AF4CZ is once again operating as TG9/call until January 5, 2026.

Operation during his spare time from 40 to 10 metres using mainly FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June 2026. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

TT, CHAD Darek TL8GD mentions: *The next stage of my journey leads to Chad, where I will operate as TT1GD for approximately three weeks starting on December 1st. Radio activity will be in my free time, as the primary purpose of this trip is pastoral and missionary support. You will be able to work TT1GD as soon as I arrive and get the station on the air. Thank you for your support, patience, and for following this journey across Central Africa. See you on the bands – active FT8, FT4, SSB, and CW. QSL via OQRS.*

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is once again QRV as V51WH until March 24, 2026. Activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60m included).

V7, MARSHALL ISL John, K5GDE is operating during his spare time as V73JW from Kwajalein Atoll until January 2026. Operation so far between 40 and 10 metres using FT8 with a Kenwood TS-450 and a 60ft long-wire antenna. QSL via QRZ.com, LoTW.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Mark, AA2MA is QRV during December as VP5/call during his spare time. Operation portable using CW and FT8. QSL via bureau or direct, LoTW.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Once again, Diya Y11DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until March 30, 2026. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.

Coming up soon

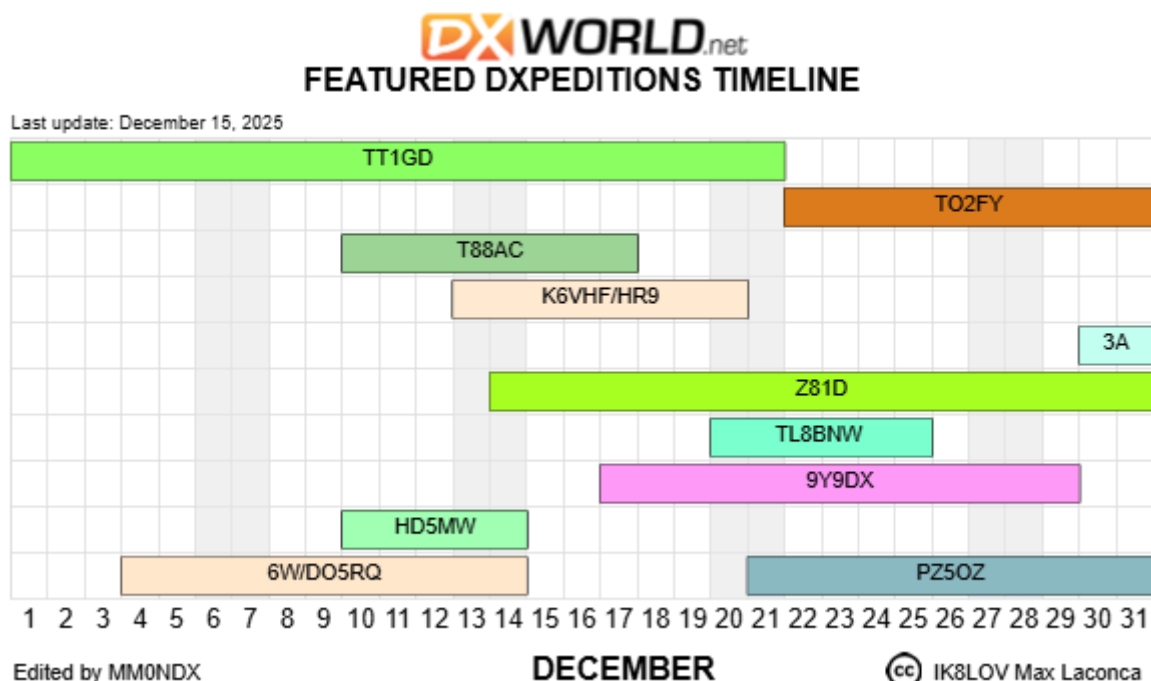
3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again be QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ during December 30 and January 3. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

FS, PJ7 ST MARTIN Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active from both islands as FS/call and PJ7/call from December 31 until January 21, 2026. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call.

J3, GRENADA Rikk, WE9G will be active as J3WG during January 1-16, 2026. Rikk will be running SO2R on 16906m; mostly FT8 with some CW & SSB. Possible SOTA activity too.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Ken, JO1VRK will once again be QRV as KH0/AJ6VJ between December 30 and January 3. Activity on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

DXCC timeline



IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-090 Sainte-Marie Isl Eric, F6ICX is once again active as 5R8IC until late December or early January. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW with some FT8 and SSB. During the last weeks of December or early January he will be QRV via QO-100. QSL via home call, LoTW or Club Log.

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is active again as JS6RRR until April 17, 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Take is also using JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6, JI3DST/P and JJ5RBH/P. QSO's are uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Alex, K6VHF/HR9 is once again QRV until December 20. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using a combination of verticals, Hexbeam, Slopers and a Delta Loop. QSL via home call direct or OQRS Club Log.

NA-085 St George Isl Darren, K4DMN will be active in 'holiday-style' from December 23 until January 1. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using mainly FT8 with a FT-871ND, FT-891 and a MPAS 2.0 vertical. Side trip to Dog Island and St Vincent is possible. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM will once again be operating as P40AA from January 11 until January 29, 2026. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Outside the contest, Mat will be found on all bands using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via homecall, OQRS.

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Borut, S53BV will be active as S9BV from February 5 until February 20, 2026. QRV in 'holiday-style' on 60, 40, 30 and 15 meter using CW and SSB with full size verticals, a dipole and an Icom IC-7000. QSL via OQRS only.

V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

THE REMINDERS

The Rebel DX Group update

Dom, 3D2USU recently let DX-World know that, he along with one other op in the Rebel DX Group, plan to visit and be active from the following Pacific DXCC entities in the months ahead.

H44 – Solomon Islands (dates: t.b.a)

H40 – Temotu Province (dates: t.b.a)

ZK3 – Tokelau (after current E6 activity)

KH8/S – Swains Island (~ 1 week activity)

T33 – Banaba (after ZK3)

T31 – Central Kiribati (April 2026)

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN

FS, ST MARTIN

Flavio IW2NEF and Giovanni IZ2DPX are planning activity from both PJ7 and FS during January 13-21, 2026. While operating from Saint Martin he will be mobile using a 20m vertical antenna. Also QRV on other HF bands from Sint Maarten; SSB, FT8, FT4. QSL via Club Log OQRS, buro, LoTW.

8P, BARBADOS Chris, WA7RAR will be QRV as 8P9CB between January 18 and January 30, 2026. QRV from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

8P, BARBADOS Mike, VE2XB will be QRV as 8P9XB from February 21 until February 28, 2026. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. Mike is also planning trips to V31ZY, 5H, ZA, 9H, J79XB, J38XB and TI5 for later next year.

8Q, MALDIVES Ji, DS1TUW will be operating as 8Q7JI from January 18 until January 24, 2026. Activity on HF using CW and FT8. POTA activity during his stay. More to follow.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: *'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.'* Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

Guess the QSL...



C2, NAURU Phil, FK1TS/C21TS will be back on air starting around January 31, 2026 until end July 2026. Phil mentions *'It's been great fun working everyone. And I keep promising but never deliver, but for sure some SSB next year. I need to get myself a good headset so I can be hands free and then good to go. It's also very noisy here. I live right next to the main road with no air con so windows always open. March / April should still bring some good contacts. SSB contacts will be barefoot. Legal limit here for CW / FT8 etc is 105 watts, SSB 400 watts. My licence good to the end of 2026.'*

As stated below I will finish for good towards the end of July '26 when my 3 years is up. So still some time to catch me. My logs up to date with Charles M00XO. Any queries hit me up on email. LoTW, eQSL, HRDlog, Club Log all up to date. 99% of LoTW queries are non-uploads at the other end.'

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

CY0, SABLE ISL The CY0S Dxpediton Team will once again be active between March 19 and March 30/31, 2026. *"As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpedition", they say. "We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpedition"* <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/>

D4, CAPE VERDE Heli, DD0VR will be operating as D4VR from February 6 until February 19. Activity on HF with high efficient antennas using QRP. QSL via home call.

E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE next July/August 2026. QRV from Rarotonga, more to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) will be active as TX9W from April 19 until April 30, 2026. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. <https://k5we.com/tx9w/>

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active from the JW5E club station as JW8EKA between March 13-15, 2026. Operation from 20 to 10 metres and perhaps the low bands using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard (DL2GAC) will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai village between January 25 and April 10, 2026. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

On the scene...South Korea, picture taken by Kevin AI5SM on a previous visit.



P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will once again be QRV as P44W during February 16-23, 2026. QRV from his QTH in Santa Cruz, an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. Prior to the contest activity is planned on all bands using CW. QSL via LoTW and N2MM.

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF will be QRV as PJ2/call from January 22 until March 31, 2026. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Elecraft K5D and a Buddipole, DX Commander for 40 and 30 and a doublet for 80. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Andre, PD1DRE will be back as PJ2/call between January 26 and March 4, 2026. More to follow.

S2, BANGLADESH The Next Generation DX Club will be off to Bangladesh February/March 2026. *'Ranked #91 worldwide, #32 for North America, and still highly wanted on CW (#66) and SSB (#75), this DXpedition is set to light up the bands. After bringing you 8R7X – Guyana 2024 and V73WW – Marshall Islands 2025, we're ready to make waves from one of Asia's most exciting and under-activated locations. More information about callsign, dates, and operators will follow shortly – stay tuned!'*

T8, PALAU Mike JA6EGL, Hiro JA6KYU and Koji JH6OPP will be operating as T88SM, T88HS and

T88XE during January 10-16, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home calls.

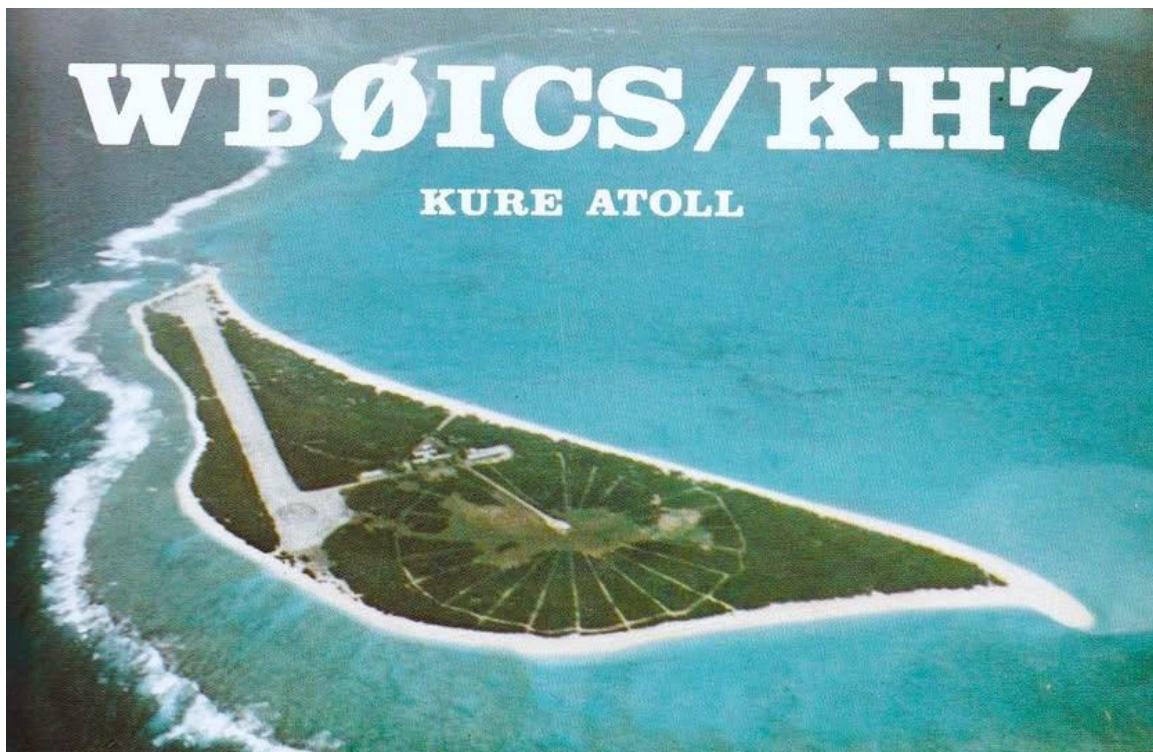
T8, PALAU Look for Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN and Kuni JA1CJA as T88MB, T88CZ and T88DK from the VIP Guest Hotel between February 25 and March 5, 2026. Operation on several bands and various modes. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

T8, PALAU Operating out of the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau, look for T88JH (JR3QFB), T88KY (JA1MFR), T88MH (JA1JRE), T88MT (JA1MEJ) & T88YL (7K4TKB) to be active during January 28-31, 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. QSL via ops instructions.

TU, IVORY COAST Marie-Lydie, F4LHI (Rookie Dxpediton team) informs that a team will be operating as TU5RE during February 2026. F4LHI goes on to say this expedition takes on a new form: *'it is novice, mixed, and inclusive. It brings together a team of passionate amateur radio operators with diverse backgrounds who believe in the power of transmission, civic engagement, knowledge sharing, and inclusion.'*



TY, BENIN Gerard, F5NVF will be operating from Godomey as TY5GG starting from early January until April 2026. QRV on various bands. QSL via LoTW.

V3, BELIZE Mike, VE2XB will be operating from Ambergris Caye as V31ZY during March 16-27, 2026. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Jon, W5JON will once again be QRV as V47JA from January 30 until February 3, 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-300D and a Mosley, a Yagi and a vertical. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Chris, WA7RAR will be operating as V4/call from February 21 until March 7 2026. QRV from near Cockleshell Bay as V4/call, with also POTA operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA and Antoinette W5RCX will be operating between February 11 and March 18, 2026. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

V6, MICRONESIA Celebrating 60 years in ham radio, Haru JA1XGi announces he will be active from Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia as V660XGI during January 22-28, 2026. QRV on 160-10m; CW, SSB & Digi. Participation in the CQWW CW 160m contest (January 23-25). QSL via

JA1XGI, Club Log OQRS.

VP2M, MONTERRAT Chuck, KG9N will be active as VP2MCV between February 17 and March 3, 2026. Operation on all bands and all modes with an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW and home call.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027.

Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

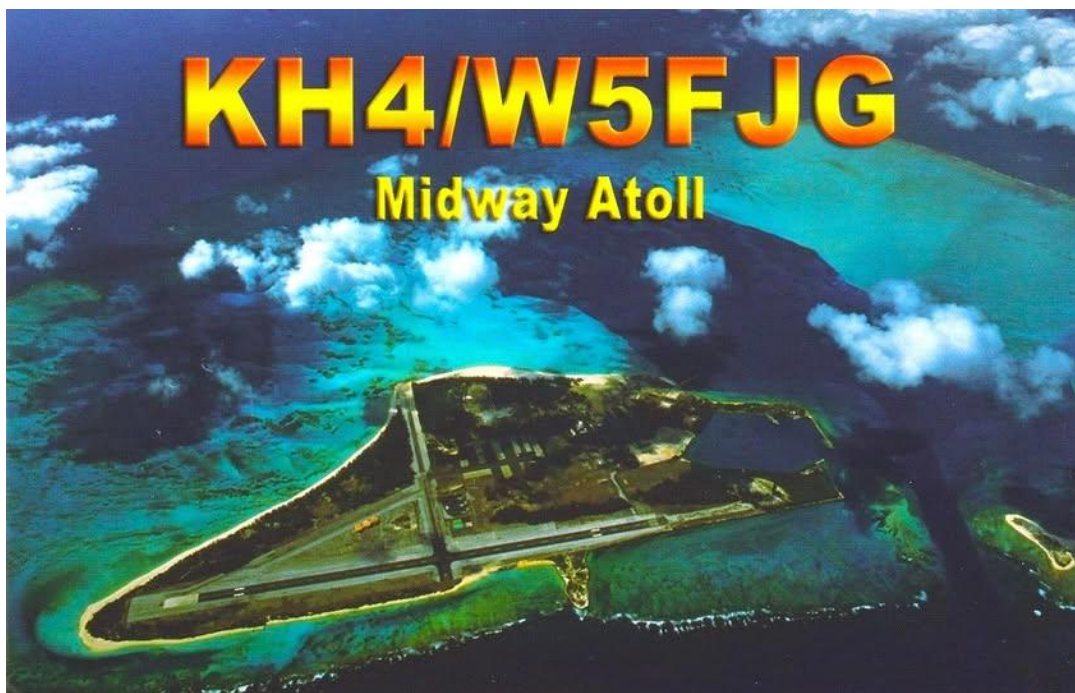
<https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISL The DX India Foundation will be operating during January 10-22, 2026 from this remote and rare entity as VU7RS. A team with VU2RS as leader and Sarath (VU2RS), Adersh (VU2ADX), Anil (VU3DXA), Girish (VU3GDS), Renju (VU2AR), Nodir (EY8MM), Axel (DL6KVA), YT1AD Hrane and Serge (R7KW) will focus on the lower bands with emphasis for North America. The team will operate with an impressive antenna setup, including DX Commander 4-Square for 40m and 2 DX Commander Multi-Band Verticals.

<http://www.vu2rs.com/vu7r/>

XX9, MACAO An DXpedition is planned with a large team during March 19-31, 2026. Activity on HF and 6 metres. Team members are EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, JH4RHF, IK5RUN and IN3ZNR. [XX9 DXFriends Dxpediton](#)



IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

EUROPE

EU-118 Flannan Isl Nobby, G0VJG reports that a return to the Flannan Islands with team is in the pipeline. He mentions they hope to be QRV from this very rare IOTA (EU-118) in the near future, as MM0UKI.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-018 Kangerlussuaq Bo OX3LX and Mikkel OX7AKT will be QRV from February 10 until February 17, 2026. QRV from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL for OX7AKT via OZ1ACB, OX3LX via OZ0J.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-013 San Ambrosio Isl An International Team of very experienced Amateur Radio operators is helping behind the scenes with technical support and operational knowledge in order to make this activity a very successful Dxpedition with Felipe XQ7IR. Operation is planned between January 12 and February 15, 2026 as 3G0XQ. QRV from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Desventuradas islands, the small volcanic islands of San Ambrosio and San Félix, lies 850 km off the coast of Chile and some 780 km north of Juan Fernández Archipelago one of the Most Wanted entities in amateur radio community. The operation includes one operator on the island focus in SSB/FT8 Modes, and a remote station on the island working 24/7 CW/FT8 Modes. Permits and authorization will be post on this website as required by a legal operation. [News](#)

SA-050 Navarino Isl The friends of JuncalDX from the Aconcagua Valley, eager to enjoy amateur radio, participate in and organize various amateur radio activities, such as the 3rd Chilean DX Congress and participation in international contests like CQWW or CQWPX, POTA activations, lighthouses, and others. CB9N, XR9N and 3G9S will be the special callsigns that will be part of the expedition to the Chilean Antarctic Province CE9 on Isla Navarino, taking place during the first half of January 2026. Operators Miguel CE2PM and Garcia CE2GT will be QRV from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS.

More information and a call-for-support are available on the DXpedition [website](#).

Antarctic base

McMurdo Station, Ross Island by Andrew KC4/KL5SE

My 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as **KC4USV** and as **KC4/KL5SE** from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.

So far activity has been from:

Keep an eye on Andrew's QRZ [page](#) for further updates.

Neumayer Station

New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU is active during the entire winter as DP0GVN until December 2026. QSL via OQRS.

Felix, DL5XL starts operating early January to mid-February 2026 as DP1POL. QSL via DL1ZBO.

Palmer Peninsula WE9G/KC4

Look out for Rikk, WE9G to be active from Palmer Peninsula, Antarctica as WE9G/KC4 in early February 2026. More info to follow on this one..

QSL via LoTW, QRZ, ClubLog & HRDLog.

Vostok base by Alex UG1A

— Traverse Progress Base to Vostok Base: December 5-20 (possible CW activity during the traverse)

After Vostok, says Frank (F8DVD), there's a possibility that Alex will go to Ridge B and operate from there. Nothing is certain about that yet so more info later. However, it would be an ATNO for the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) and Polar DX Challenge as Ridge B has never been

activated before.

A new callsign have been assigned to Alex for all operations during this season: RI1ANI. Since 2007, Alex was very active from Progress and Vostok base, mostly in CW but also in SSB with many calls such as R1ANC, R1ANP, RI1ANC, RI1ANV, RI30ANT.

NOTE: Ridge B is one of the least studied areas in Antarctica but has been considered to be a potential location for the oldest ice on Earth. In January 2020, the first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical dome of Ridge B was carried out. Ridge B (Dome B) is 3807m above sea level, 79.02°S, 93.69°E).

On the scene...RI1ANI, who is on his way to Vostok Base



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

QSO Party Day 2026 by Marconi Club ARI Loano

Qso Party Day Contest organized by Marconi Club it's as always with the "short contest" format, is now in its 8th edition. This year, the event is scheduled for Saturday, January 3, 2026. The purpose of the event is to introduce our club to the younger generations and bring together all those who truly love and believe in telegraphy, promoting the MARCONI CLUB ARI LOANO, founded on May 8, 1988, by the late Libero Meriggi I1YXN and the renowned DX-peditioner Baldur Drobica DJ6SI. The event will involve all members of the historic club, which has nearly 1000 members from all over the world, and all enthusiasts of this wonderful and magnificent art of CW. For this edition too, the BEGALI company, an undisputed world leader in the production of high-quality telegraph keys, has agreed to support our Contest by donating one of their own keys, which will be raffled off among the top five finishers in the Marconi Operators category. To further encourage participants, this special prize cannot be awarded to those who have already received it in a previous edition. The awards ceremony and the drawing for the special prize will take place at the Marconi Club stand at the Ham Radio Exhibition Center in Montichiari (BS) on Saturday, March 15, 2026. This year, it will also be possible to upload logs online. Please note that logs must be uploaded exclusively in Cabrillo format. Logs can be uploaded via the Marconi Club ARI Loano

page at <https://www.marconiclub.it>

Operation from 0700 UTC until 2100 UTC on 20, 40 and 80 metres.

EA, SPAIN The radio club in Palencia uses the callsign **EG1SANTA** until the end of the year. QSL via EC1R. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Dominique (F4JMX) is going to put the callsign **TM63SC** on the air from December 17 to 31. It was used in previous years by F8DZU (Jean-Pierre), who became silent key earlier this year. (TNX DXNL)

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R2026A, R2026C, R2026L, R2026N, R2026NY, R2026S, R2026X, UE26HNY** and **UE26NY** will be active from 29 December to 11 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>) and the Rostov Oblast branch of the Russian Amateur Radio Union (SSR). QSLs via RQ7L. See <https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

4U1ITU ITU HQ GENEVA 4U0ITU is the callsign for the International amateur Radio Club at ITU HQ in Geneva to use from 16 May through the end of the year in celebration of the 160th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to IARC, P.O. Box 6, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. (TNX 425DX)

4X, ISRAEL Celebrating Hanukkah, the Israel Association of Radio Communication will be running special event stations **4X8NER** and **4Z8NER** from 14 to 22 December. QSL via LoTW, or via 4Z5MU. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A10SOTA is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)



9A, CROATIA 9A169TESLA is a special callsign that will be used until 31 December in celebration of the 169th anniversary since the birth of Nikola Tesla (10 July 1856). QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

A9, BAHRAIN Members of the Bahrain Radio Club celebrate IARU's 100th anniversary with the callsign **A9100IARU** on the first 5 days of each month in 2025. For more information see: <https://www.itu.int/hub/2024/04/world-amateur-radio-day-iaru-celebrates-a-century-of-connections/>. QSL via EC6DX. (TNX DXNL)

CN, MOROCCO CN25JIM will be active between 8 and 21 December, and especially on 13 December, from the Middle Atlas mountain range of Morocco. The special callsign's suffix stands

for Journee Internationale de la Montagne (International Mountain Day). QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

CN, MOROCCO The Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc will be active with the special callsign **CN35CAN** around the Africa Coup of Nations 2025 (Dec. 21 to Jan. 18). QSL via qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

D4, CAPE VERDE Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the independence of Cabo Verde (5 July 1975), the Monteverde Contest Team (D4C) and Paolo, D44PM will be active as **D450ICV** until 31 December. They will operate "across all bands and modes, primarily focusing on HF". QSL via Club Log's OQRS. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/D4C.STATION> for updates. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DA0LH (special DOK 25ILLW), associated with the lightship Laesoe Rende will be active throughout 2025. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), Club Log OQRS, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The Deutsches Museum in Munich, one of the largest science and technology museums in the world (<https://www.deutsches-museum.de>), celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. **DL100DM** is the special callsign to be used throughout the year by the amateur radio station which is part of and regularly active from the museum's "Electronics" permanent exhibition. QSL via DL8FA. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Radio amateurs in Kamenz (DOK S22) celebrate their city's 800th anniversary with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSL info see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

Some of the DX coming up in early 2026



EA, SPAIN Throughout December, **A025YOTA** will be one of many stations worldwide getting on the air to support YOTA (Youngsters on the Air) activity. For more information see: <https://events.ham-yota.com> (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN EG1NV is a special event station celebrating Christmas lights in Vigo. QRV until Jan. 12 in 2026. QSL via LoTW, qrz.com, eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN Members of the Jaen Amateur Radio Union (URJ) celebrate their city's jubilee with the callsign **AM1200J** until Dec. 28. QSL via EA7URJ; for awards see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE To mark the 60th anniversary since the first French satellite, named Asterix, was launched into orbit (26 November 1965), members of the Wingles Radio Club (F4KLR) will be active as **TM60ATX** on 19-23 December. All SSB and CW QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; FT8 QSOs will be confirmed via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE TM100REF The year 2025 will mark the centenary of the Réseau des Émetteurs Français (REF) and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). In commemoration of this significant event, the REF, a member of the IARU, is organizing a radio challenge for all licensed amateur radio operators and shortwave listeners (SWLs) worldwide. For more information go to the website at <https://web.r-e-f.org/tm100ref/> or on

<https://www.qrz.com/db/TM100REF>.

G, ENGLAND Carl, M0ICR, remains active as **GB1SANTA** until Dec. 25. An award is also available (see qrz.com). (TNX DXNL)

HA, HUNGARY The first official, regular radio broadcast in Hungary began on 1 December 1925, which is now celebrated as Hungarian Radio Day. To mark that centenary, the Hungarian Radio Amateur Society (MRASZ) and the Honfy Jozsef Radioclub (HA1KHJ) organise a commemorative activity to be held from 15 November to 31 December under nine special call signs:

HG100RADIO, HG100YHRB, HG100AN, HG100EG, HG100FO, HG100IT, HG100RC, HG100SD and **HG100UD**. Look for activity on 160-10m CW, SSB & digi modes, and via QO-100. (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND Celebrating the 70th anniversary of their organization, members of the International Police Association's Swiss branch (HB9IPA) will be active as **HB70IPA** between 1 November and 31 December. Activity will be on various HF bands and the QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, paper cards will not be provided. (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND **HB20SOTA** is the special call sign for the Swiss SOTA Group (HB9SOTA) to celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout 2025. A certificate will be available, see <https://hb9sota.ch/en/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

HS, THAILAND **HS25SG** is a special event call sign which will be activated on 1-30 December to celebrate the 33rd Southeast Asian Games and as part of the "SatFinder" educational campaign, which promotes space, satellite, and radio science to students and the general public through amateur radio activities. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, and QRZ Logbook. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/HS25SG> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2025 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special call signs, each representing one of the many patents registered by Guglielmo Marconi between 1897 and 1926: **II4EACC** (November) and **II4TJTB** (December). QSL via IQ4FE and LoTW. Information about the "Marconi - Patented By" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

LA, NORWAY **LA100A** is the special call sign for NRRL's Midt-Troms Gruppen (LA6M, <https://www.la6m.no/>) to use throughout 2025 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio two-way contact between Norway and the US, made by Johannes Diesen, LA1A from Moen in Malselv municipality and UIYB at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (25 November 1925). QSL via the bureau, QRZ Logbook, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Special event station **LZ75IPA** will be active throughout 2025 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the International Police Association. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to LZ3HI. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Look for **LZ80TUS**, by one of the most established and established clubs in Bulgaria LZ1KDP. The activity is from August 1 to December 24, 2025. More information can be found at <https://www.qrz.com/db/LZ80TUS> or contact the specified email. This is a strong club with traditions, and established leading places in competitions from the mid-1950s to the present day. The club plays a club role in the Bulgarian Antarctic Program, since during the first expeditions the Antarctic station LZ0A maintained contact with its relatives precisely through the help of LZ1KDP. Many HAM expeditions have sought logistical or technical support precisely from this club.

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special call signs during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ306WW** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2025 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OA, PERU The Peruvian Radio Club celebrates its 95th anniversary with the call sign **4T95O** during December. QRV on 40-10m on CW, SSB, RTTY, FM and FT8. For QSL information see: <https://www.oa4o.pe> (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE0YOTA** is going to take part in the December YOTA Month 2025 events. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE175ARWT** remains active until the end of the month, marking the 175 year history of Austria's military bureaucracy. (TNX DXNL)

OH, FINLAND **OF60AP** is the special call sign for members of the Central Uusimaa Radio Amateurs Association (OH2AP) to celebrate their club's 60th anniversary throughout 2025. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see https://oh2ap.fi/?page_id=491. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REP **OL100IARU, OL100I, OL100A, OL100R** and **OL100U** are the special call signs for the Czech Radio Club to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur

Radio Union from 15 April to 31 December. A certificate will be available. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Commemorating the 81st anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, members of UBA Section Bruxelles-Est (ON5UB) will be active as **OR81NUTS** between 13 and 31 December. The suffix of the special callsign is General Anthony C. McAuliffe's famous single-word reply in response to a surrender ultimatum. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Dutch Radio Group Christmas Event will run from 10 December to 2 January with six special callsigns: **PD25HOLLY**, **PD25HOHOHO**, **PD25REDNOSE**, **PD25SANTA**, **PD25XMAS** and **PD26HNY**. More information can be found on See <https://www.qrz.com/db/PD25XMAS>. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Numerous special event stations will be active around the Christmas and New Year season:

PA25SANTA - Op PA9JO; QSL via PA1AW

PA25XMAS - Op: Santa Ray in Twente

PI25XMAS - Op: Santa's Dutch HQ in Twente

PD25STAR - Op: Ramona

PD26HNY - The Happy New Year Team in Twente

There will be no QSL cards. Certificates are available via qrz.com.

SWLs send logs to: award@pi4x.com

PF25XMAS - Op: Barry in Den Haag; QSL via PC1K (d/B), LoTW.

PH25XMAS - Operator: PA3EFR/J

PH26HNY - Operator: PA3EFR/J

PA, THE NETHERLANDS **PA100IARU** celebrates the 80th anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek (VERON) until the end of December. QSLs via PA1AW. (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Dutch Marine Radio Amateur Club (MARAC) celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, the Dutch Administration has given permission to the MARAC to use the special call **PA40MARAC** in 2025.

S5, SLOVENIA **S5100IARU** is the special callsign for members of the Zveza Radio amaterjev Slovenije (Association of Radio Amateurs of Slovenia) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU until 31 December. QSL via LoTW, or via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

SM, SWEDEN The radio club SK3GK continues to mark the first radio broadcast 100 years ago from Gäddede with the callsign **SM100XF** until the year's end. (TNX DXNL)

SP, POLAND **HF4SES** is a special callsign that will be in use from 31 October to 31 December to mark the launch of RadioAwards.club, a "platform designed for organizing and managing ham radio award events worldwide". See <https://radioawards.club/ses/premier-event> (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The special event station **SN0TPAX** draws attention to the first amateur radio contact between a Polish and foreign station, which took place in 1925 between Tadeusz Heftman TPAX and M0PM in the Netherlands. QRV until the year's end. (TNX DXNL)

SV, GREECE On 1 December 1913, the island of Crete was officially integrated into the Greek state after centuries of Ottoman rule. **SX1913C** is a special callsign that will commemorate that event on 15-21 December. The operators will be SV1TAO, SV7JAX, SV8RSX and SV9TNA.

Electronic QSL cards will be sent by email. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY **TC25YOTA**, staffed by youngsters, will be active throughout December. QSL via ClubLog OQRS. (TNX DXNL)

V6, MICRONESIA Celebrating 60 years in ham radio, Haru JA1XGi announces he will be active from Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia as **V660XGI** during January 22-28, 2026. QRV on 160-10m; CW, SSB & Digi. Participation in the CQWW CW 160m contest (January 23-25). QSL via JA1XGI, Club Log OQRS.

VK, AUSTRALIA The callsign **VK2SANTA** remains on the air until Dec. 24. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA **VI100SIG**, the special callsign celebrating the centenary of the Australian Corps of Signals during 2025. QSL via M00XO's OQRS. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/VI100SIG> for more information.

YO, ROMANIA **YR1600VT** is the special callsign that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 31 March 2026 to popularize Via Transilvanica, the long-distance trail (1600 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1600VT>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA Members of the YO3KRM Radioclub will run a Christmas Special Event on 5-31 December, with three special callsigns: **Y00HOHO**, **Y00XMAS**, and **YR0UDOLPH**. QSLs via YO3GND. Certificates will be available, see qrz.com for the details. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL60PAH is the special callsign for Phil, ZL3PAH to use from 23 November to 22 February 2026 to celebrate his diamond jubilee in amateur radio. He will operate CW, RTTY, and "maybe a little SSB too" on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100C is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA On 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is set to kick off for a year-long operating during 2025. Throughout the year, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event callsign **ZS100SARL**, as well as the permanent callsigns **ZS6SRL** and **ZS9HQ**, and possibly other special event callsigns. A number of awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

Astronomy picture of the week

by Jim Danielson, AC9EZ

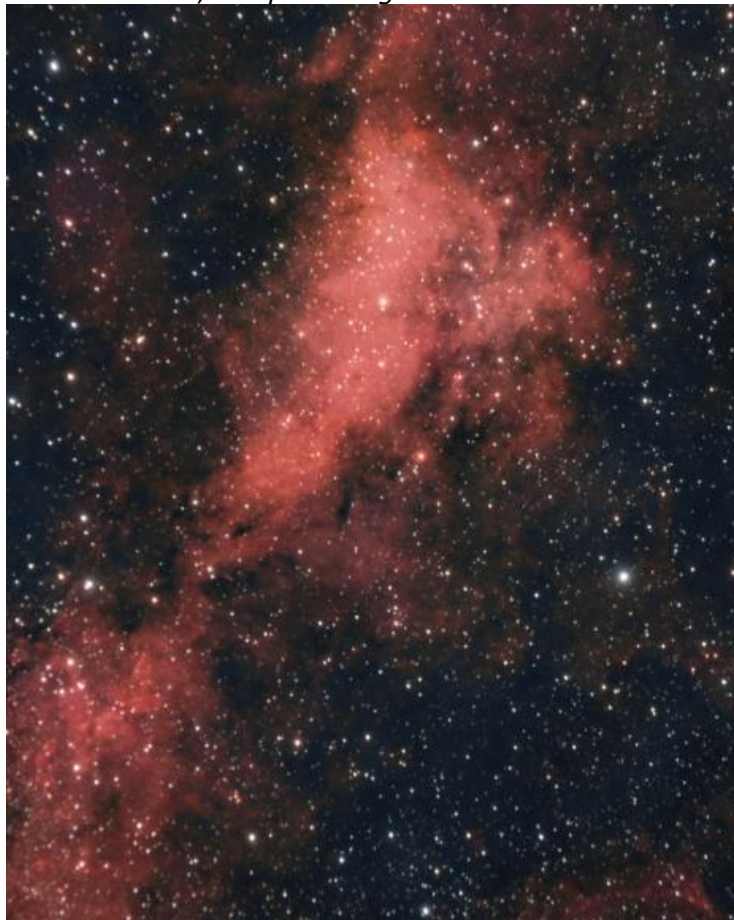
Jim and I are friends for more than 10 years now, we met back in the days via ECHOLINK.

Jim is a senior at Purdue University Fort Wayne, majoring in music with a minor in journalism.

'Just finished processing my photos of IC-1318A (Butterfly Nebula A). This pic is just over 5 hours of exposure, 1,807 photos, with my SeeStar S30.

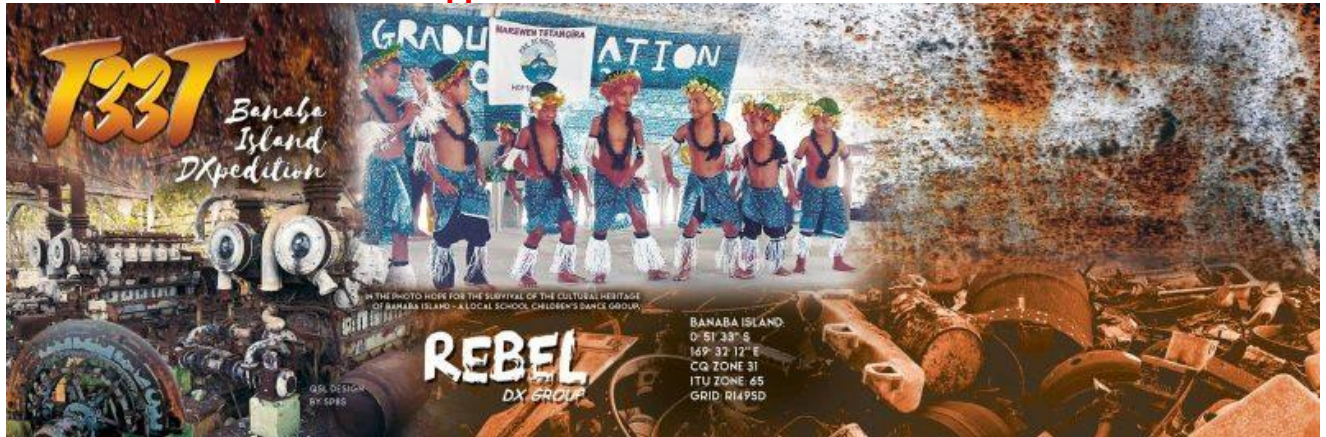
Processed in Siril + GraXpert.

This was the first time I successfully utilized the deconvolution feature in Siril. Initially, I was having some trouble with the Star Recomposition feature, with the nebula disappearing in the background. Once that was resolved, I kept having odd artificats surrounding the stars.'



You can follow Jim's work on <https://www.instagram.com/andydreporing>

Rebel DX Group DX Fund & Support



The following info regarding DXpedition support was recently posted on the Rebel DX Group's Facebook page

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To all operators who were denied support or grants from DX foundations or clubs — we've got your back.

If you have a great idea for a DXpedition but struggle with permits, lack the right gear, or can't afford transport — we're here to help.

We can assist you with:

- Equipment and logistics.
- 15 expedition radio sets.
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- unlimited power supplies.
- 5km of coax.
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- tents, tables, chairs and so on.

Potential financial support (can be negotiated)

- Sea transport to any corner of the world.
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We own our equipment and marine transport, and we're ready to help make your DXpedition happen.

This offer is especially for those who hit a wall trying to get help elsewhere. Don't give up — join the Rebel way.

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